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Official information request in relation to a directed, focused study on impacts of pervasive monitoring on psychological distress

I refer to your official information request for information above, received on 19 March 2026.

Your request and our response:

I'd like to know when we will see the commission publish a directed and focused study on the impacts of widespread use and adoption of pervasive monitoring by CCTV, ANPR and FRT on our significantly rising numbers of people experiencing psychological distress in New Zealand as per your latest mental health survey released in February 2026?

We do not intend to publish a directed and focused study on the impacts of widespread use and adoption of pervasive monitoring by CCTV, ANPR and FRT.

Our 2025-2029 Statement of Intent articulates how we will deliver on our legislative functions, [published on our website](#).

Please note, we publish some OIA responses on our website after the response is sent to the requester. The responses published are those that are considered to have a high level of public interest. We will not publish your name, address, or contact details.

This reply addresses the information requested. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this information release, please feel free to contact kiaora@mhwc.govt.nz.

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